

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 25, 1847.

Read twice, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

**AN ACT**

To establish a port of entry at Saluria, in the State of Texas, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2       *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*  
3       all that part of the State of Texas south and west of the coun-  
4       ties of Matagorda and Wharton, and including said counties,  
5       shall be detached from the district of Texas, and shall constitute  
6       a collection district. That Saluria, on the northeasterly part of  
7       the island of Matagorda, shall be the port of entry for said dis-  
8       trict; and that Matagorda, Aransas, Labaca, Copano, and Corpus  
9       Christi as ports of delivery only.

1       SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That* a collector for  
2       the district of Saluria aforesaid shall be appointed by the Presi-  
3       dent, with the advice and consent of the Senate of the United  
4       States, who shall hold his office for the terms and for the time  
5       prescribed by law for the like office in other districts. The  
6       said collector shall reside at Saluria aforesaid, and he shall be en-  
7       titled to a salary not exceeding twelve hundred and fifty dollars

8 per annum, including in that sum the fees allowed by law, and  
 9 the amount he shall collect in any one year for fees exceeding  
 10 the said sum of twelve hundred and fifty dollars shall be ac-  
 11 counted for and paid into the treasury of the United States.

1        **SEC. 3.** *And be it further enacted,* That surveyors for the  
 2 aforesaid ports of delivery, to wit: Matagorda, Labaca, Corpus  
 3 Christi, and Copano, shall be appointed by the President, with  
 4 the advice and consent of the Senate, with authority to exercise  
 5 all the powers conferred by law on such officers; and that the  
 6 salaries of said surveyors at Matagorda and Labaca shall be at  
 7 the rate of six hundred dollars per annum, and of those at Co-  
 8 pano and Corpus Christi shall be at the rate of five hundred dol-  
 9 lars per annum; and that there shall be a deputy collector ap-  
 10 pointed, according to law, to reside at Aransas, and to exercise  
 11 such powers, under the revenue laws, as the Secretary of the  
 12 Treasury may prescribe. The compensation of said deputy  
 13 collector shall be the legal fees on the business he may transact,  
 14 and no more; and that the surveyor for the port of Cavallo  
 15 shall be discontinued.

1        **SEC. 4.** *And be it further enacted,* That the surveyor for  
 2 the port of Sabine shall be discontinued, and a deputy collector  
 3 shall be appointed for said port of Sabine, with the same powers  
 4 as the deputy collector of Aransas, provided for in the third sec-  
 5 tion of this act, whose salary shall be at the rate of one thousand  
 6 dollars per annum.

1        **SEC. 5.** *And be it further enacted,* That the salary of the  
2 collector for the district of Texas, residing at Galveston, shall  
3 be, from and after the thirtieth day of June next, not exceeding  
4 seventeen hundred and fifty dollars, including in that sum the  
5 fees allowed by law ; and that the amount he shall collect in  
6 any one year for fees exceeding the said sum of seventeen hun-  
7 dred and fifty dollars shall be accounted for, and paid into the  
8 treasury of the United States.

Passed the House of Representatives February 24, 1847.

Attest :

B. B. FRENCH, *Clerk.*